

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **SEN. KEN HANSEN**, on March 7, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 22, 3/3/2005; HJ 7, 3/3/2005; HJ 11, 3/3/2005; HB 266, 3/3/2005; HB 609, 3/3/2005
Executive Action: HJ 11, HB 266, HB 609, HJ 22, HJ 7, HJ 6

00:00:00

HEARING ON HJ 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JIM PETERSON (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HJ 22, Resolution on bison management.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:35 Dr. Tom Linfield, State Veterinarian

EXHIBIT(ags50a01)

00:07:17 Ms. Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in
Farm Economics

00:07:40 Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers
Association

00:09:18 Mr. John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

00:09:50 Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

00:10:15 REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN, HD 42, LODGE GRASS

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:16 Mr. Josh Osher, Self

00:18:22 REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY, HD 32, BOX ELDER

00:21:00 Mr. Will Patrick, Self

00:24:13 Mr. George Nell, Self

EXHIBIT(ags50a02)

EXHIBIT(ags50a03)

00:28:04 Ms. Carrie Taggart, Homeowner

00:30:37 Ms. Jennifer Nitz, Self

Informational Testimony: None.

00:32:28

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:03

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:01

HEARING ON HJ 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HJ 7, Urge Congress to restrict border opening until BSE is controlled.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:43 Ms. Nancy Peterson, Director, Department of
Agriculture

EXHIBIT(ags50a04)

01:11:27 Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

01:12:34 Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers
Association

01:14:30 Ms. Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in
Farm Economics

01:14:51 Ms. Bonnie Marchesseault, Rancher, Member, Montana
Farm Bureau

01:15:29 Ms. Carla Johnson, Montana Cattlewomen

01:15:50 REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY, HD 32, BOX ELDER

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

01:16:37 Dr. Tom Linfield, State Veterinarian

01:17:27

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:18

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. PEASE will carry HJ 7 on the Senate Floor.

01:39:36

HEARING ON HJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on **HJ 11**, Urge cooperation between state, federal & tribal agricultural research programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:59 **Ms. Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Economics**
01:45:49 **Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union**
01:46:23 **Mr. Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture**
01:47:33 **Ms. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

01:48:17

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. SMITH will carry HJ 11 on the Senate Floor.

EXHIBIT (ags50a05)

01:49:48

HEARING ON HB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DIANE RICE (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on **HB 266**, Implement noxious weed trust fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:52:51 **Ms. Nancy Peterson, Director, Department of Agriculture**

EXHIBIT (ags50a06)

EXHIBIT (ags50a07)

01:54:48 Mr. Bob Gilbert, President, Montana Weed Control Association
01:55:48 Mr. Steve Johns, Montana Farm Bureau, Lewis and Clark County Weed District
01:56:27 Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association
01:56:53 Mr. Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
01:57:08 Mr. Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development Corporation
01:58:16 Ms. Carla Johnson, Montana Cattlewomen
01:58:31 Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union
01:58:45 Ms. Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics, Montana Grain Growers

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

01:59:39

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BALES will carry HB 266 on the Senate Floor.

02:00:07

HEARING ON HB 609

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JANNA TAYLOR (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 609, Loser pays in water rights litigation.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:02:08 Mr. John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
02:03:04 Mr. Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
02:03:45 Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association
02:04:12 Ms. Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts
02:04:44 Mr. Jack Stults, Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources
02:06:37 Ms. Holly Franz, Clark Fork Task Force, Upper Clark Fork Basin Steering Committee

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

02:07:44

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:47

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:27

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 11

Motion: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that HJ 11 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:18:51

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 266

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that HB 266 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:19:23

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 609

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that HB 609 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:21:54

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 22

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that HJ 22 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with SEN. LARSON voting no.

02:23:25

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 7

Motion: SEN. PEASE moved that HJ 7 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Motion: SEN. STAPLETON moved that HJ 7 BE AMENDED BY STRIKING LINES 18-22 ON PAGE 2.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. STAPLETON, and SEN. STEINBEISSER voting aye.

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that HJ 7 BE AMENDED BY STRIKING LINES 18-19.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. PEASE moved that HJ 7 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with SEN. STAPLETON voting no.

02:35:36

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6

Motion: SEN. SMITH moved that HJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: SEN. SMITH moved that HJ 6 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. SMITH moved that HJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([ags50aad0.PDF](#))